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GARRISON MSS.

Friend Garrison

I have been spending the past winter in Phila. I think often of N.E. and the many friends I have there, and the many obliga-tions I am under to them all.

I have seldom for an hour forgot-ten my indebtedness to you. and though poverty seems determined to follow me in spite of my efforts to evade it. I hope yet to live to pay my debts. as nothing I am sure would add more to my happiness. This place you are aware is the residence of that great High Priest and Monied humbug the Right Reverend Bishop Doane. He has at the expence of others, erected a priestly and extravagant mansion here, and has just failed for the moderate sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. I hope the amount is of too little importance to exclude him from the kingdom of heaven. though in spite of his oft

repeated prayers he has gone deeply into worldly matters, and I am told by those who are acquainted with his affairs that if his property was sold tomorrow he would not pay Five ct. to the dollar.

This is also the residence of Mr. Dempster the vocalist, whose songs have been listned to by thousands on both sides the Atlantic, and have been of more benefit to mankind than the prayers of all the Popes and Bishops the world has ever known.

In Phila. I have been boarding in a family of pious pro slavery bigots, in whose souls freedom of thought was drowned by the dipping process when they joined the Baptist Church. and if I may be allowed to judge by appearances it was the only time that water was ever applied to them since the days of their infancy.

I never saw such bitter, rabid, & pious manifestations of prejudice against colour as I have seen in the City of Penn. and Quaker Meeting Houses. still there is a redeeming influence at work there that will finally triumph, there is that noble woman Lucretia Mott. and the "God made

man in his own image". (I do not use this in the bible sense) H C. Wright, the Burleigh's and a host of others who will yet overcome all the priestly obstacles, and make the land of Penn, what it ought to be a domain of free thought and free men.

I have spent but little time at the Anti Slavery Rooms in Phila, as my time has been much occupied. I long to see the Liberator have read but one ~~copy~~ No of it the past winter. Shall return to Phila this week. Please send me a copy there (one paper) if this should reach you.

With my best wishes for your welfare and happiness I remain

Yours truly
B R. Downes.

Wm Lloyd Garrison.

I hope to return to N E. in May.

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